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From: Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command
To: Chief of Naval Operations (N454)

Subj: CLARIFICATION OF NAW ASBESTOS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5100.23D
(b) OPNAVINST 5100.230 (Revised Draft Chapter 17 dtd Nov 95)

1. Reference (a) provides the current training requirements for **asbestos**, Reference (b) implements the revised Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards for Asbestos and provides specific details concerning EPA accredited training. We need clarification of the asbestos training issue for ROICC and EFOIEFAIPublic Works planning, design, contract and environmental personnel who develop criteria and/or supervise projects.

2. Specific issues we request additional guidance concerning are:

a. Is it Navy policy that Navy employees be equally trained and accredited as contractors are required to be?

b. If we hire the contractors to do the design/abatement work, why do the ROICCDesigners need to be trained to the same level?

c. Do Navy signatures on drawings and approval of other submissions such as asbestos removal plans have any liability if the Navy employees are not trained to same level? Some facility project personnel contend they are only accepting the submissions, not technically approving the contractor's work?

3. Please contact myself at CML 3250435 or Douglas Cwddock (NAVFAC 40KI) at DSN 564-5 193 or CML (804)444-5193 for any additional information and/or questions.

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By direction